

JOHN BRIGHT'S HOME

Gossip About the Sturdy English
Liberal and His Sons and
Daughters.

DIVIDED BY POLITICS.

Scorching Wit of the Elder Bright—
His Aversion to Work—
Religious Be-
liefs.

Brighton, England, Correspondence:
Among the many Londoners who have
come down to this beautiful watering place
to escape the hideous fog of London, is
William Leatham Bright, one of John
Bright's sons. "Will" Bright, as he is
universally known, is what Irishmen would
call the "broth of a boy." He seldom
speaks in the house, or indeed out of it;
but he is nevertheless well known and
highly respected. He has little resem-
blance, either mentally or physically, to his
illustrious father, except that he has
a keen wit. The wit, however, is of a less
savouring character than that of his fa-
ther, who in the days of his full
strength was never witty without scor-
ching like sulphuric acid. For instance: At
more than one period of his political career
he has been compelled to desert from politi-
cal work on account of threatened softening
of the brain. On one occasion a Tory,
named Lord Lindsay, was brutal as well
as indiscreet enough to say that this disease
was inflicted by Providence on Mr. Bright
as a punishment for his sins. Bright
quietly retorted that softening of the brain
was not a punishment that could be in-
flicted upon his assent; there were cer-
tain things that it was beyond the power
of even Omnipotence to do.

But Will Bright says things almost as
good. His father has been much pained by
his son's adoption of the heresy of home
rule and wrote Will some rather stiff let-
ters upon the subject. Will replied by
asking if these were the kind of letters that
after all should be exchanged between one
statesman and another. You may miss part
of the joke from the fact that you have not
seen Will Bright—a big man with the face
and figure and devil-may-care air of an
overgrown fury.

I mention Will Bright for the purpose of
giving your readers some particulars about
his great father, in which many of them
will doubtless be interested. As you know
by cablegram, there has been a great
change for the better in his condition. The
disease of the lungs has greatly subsided.
The doctors, however, say nothing about
another and even more serious mis-
adventure from which he suffers, which is, curi-
ously enough, what is known as Bright's disease.
What has stood Bright in great stead is his
great temperance in eating and drink-
ing. It is years since he has tasted any
stimulant. The one weakness he has
is an inordinate passion for smoking. When he is well he is rarely
ever without a pipe or a cigar in his mouth.
He has been all his life a very lazy man.
He once said to Justin McCarthy that his
great and yearning desire was a passionate
love of doing nothing. He has never
shown any constructive ability or even in-
dustry. It is said—and I believe with truth
—that he never read a measure through in
the whole course of his life, and on two
occasions on which he held office he never
did anything or attempted to.

Of late years his life has been rather
melancholy. All his children have gone out
into the world to do for themselves. They
are, by the way, a curiously assorted fam-
ily. Two of his sons are Unionists—Will,
I have already written, is a staunch
Home-Ruler. All his daughters, I believe,
are Home-Rulers. So also is his brother
Jacob Bright. For some time John Bright
has lived rather a solitary life in his house
quite close to his mills, his sole companion
a housekeeper. It is a curious fact that
throughout his illness he has kept up his
interest in the Parnell movement.
Every day he has had the full and
pithy report of the Parnell commission in
the Times read to him. He was very
softened, however, I hear, or at least he
was during a certain stage of his illness,
to the Irish question, and never spoke of it
at all, or if he did it was in terms of unusu-
al calmness. It is generally thought that
the real reason of his antagonism to Ire-
land is personal. With all his greatness
there is some weakness in his character,
and a great sensitiveness to criticism is
one of these weak points. During the
fierce in the great struggle between the
Irish party and the liberal govern-
ment in 1882, some hard things were said
of Mr. Bright by more than one Irish mem-
ber—in reply, it must be said, to equally
hard things from Mr. Bright—with the
old man has never forgotten or forgiven.
This is the curious difference be-
tween him and Mr. Gladstone. Equally
hard things were said of Gladstone,
but he has the quick Celtic temper-
ment—quick to strike and quick to forgive.
There is not the least trace in him of any
recollection of the hard things that he said
himself or that were said against him dur-
ing the fight. Indeed, he has that peculiar
faculty of being able to drink of the waters
of Lethe whenever the circumstances have
passed away that provoked his anger.

During his illness Mr. Bright has been
perfectly calm and composed. He has not
spoken much, if at all, of the life to come,
though he is known to be a firm and en-
tirely orthodox believer. Indeed, on this
point he is said to be a little intolerant.
He has never liked Mr. Chamberlain much,
and it is said that on one occasion he
summed him up by saying that one couldn't
have any confidence in a man that had no
religion. Nor has Bright ever sought spir-
itual consolation from any person. This,
however, is easily explained, because he is
a member of the Society of Friends, and
they have no faith in what they term sac-
erotalism.

T. P. O'CONNOR.
Killed in Bed.
JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Mary A.
Latimer, a widow, was mysteriously shot
and killed in bed last night. Her son, R. L.
Latimer left home last night, saying he was
going to Detroit.

An American Ship Fired on.
PARIS, Jan. 26.—A dispatch to the Temps
from Zanzibar, says an American sailing
vessel, bound from Zanzibar to Madagascar,
was fired on by a German vessel and one
of her masts broken.

Good News for Epicures
New York Mail: William C. Williams, a
newspaper man formerly of the press of this
city and later of Paris, has introduced into
this country a somewhat novel epicurean
scheme. He proposes to prepare
poultry for table use after the most ap-
proved French plan, where the fowls are
bred and fattened exclusively for eating.
The chickens, of approved breed, are taken
young, confined in well ventilated boxes in
darkened department, fed three times a
day by artificial means with pre-
pared food, composed of cream and
ground cereals, are allowed no exercise,
and have no business in life but to
acquire tenderness, fatness
and juiciness. Their flesh is then in a con-
dition to tempt the dullest appetite. The

boxes are arranged in tiers, one above the
other, in a cylindrical frame, each bird
being fastened in its box with its head to
the front. The feeder is supplied with a
box of the prepared feed and a force pump.
Each chicken is taken in turn, its mouth
opened and a tube inserted, through which
its quota of food is forced into the crop.
For broiling purposes chickens are taken
when from three to four months old and
kept under treatment three weeks. For
roasting, those from five to eight months
old are selected, and they are fed a month.
The treatment in that time adds about 60
per cent. to their weight.

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Ram it in, cram it in,—
Children's heads are hollow!
Ram it in, jam it in,—
Still there's more to follow:
Hygiene and history,
Astronomic mystery,
Algebra, Etymology,
Latin, Etymology,
History, Geometry,
Greek and Trigonometry,—
Ram it in, cram it in,
Children's heads are hollow!
Rap it in, tap it in,—
What are teachers paid for?
Bang it in, slap it in,—
What were children made for?
Ancient Archaeology,
Aryan Philology,
Prophecy, Zoology,
Physics, Chronology,
Calculus and Mathematics,
Rhetoric and Hydrostatics,—
Boast it in, boast it in,
Children's heads are hollow!
Rub it in, club it in,
All there is of learning:
Punch it in, crush it in,
Quench their childish yearning
For the field and grassy nook,
We do not green and rippling brook;
Drive such wicked thoughts afar!
Teach the children that they are,
But machines to cram it in,
Bang it in, slam it in,
That their heads are hollow!
Scold it in, mold it in,
All that they can swallow:
Fold it in, hold it in,
Still there's more to follow:
Face pinched and sad and pale
Tell the same undying tale,—
Till of moments robbed from sleep,
Meals untasted, studies deep,
Those who've passed the furnace through,
With aching brow will tell to you
How the teacher crammed it in,
Pampered it in, jammed it in,
Crushed it in, punched it in,
Rubbed it in, clubbed it in,
Pressed it in, caressed it in,
Happed it in and slapped it in,
When th'ir heads were hollow!
—E. FRANK LINTABER, in Pack.

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little good. After eating I
would have a faint or tired,
all-gone feeling, as though I had not eaten
anything. My trouble was aggravated by
my business, painting. Last
spring I took Hood's Sar-
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immense amount of good. It gave me an
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